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The following standard operating procedures would apply to the authorization.

1. For compliance with the National Forest Boundary Line Policy, the legal NFS boundary line shall be properly located and physically marked in the field prior to any management action. Improvements, including security fencing, shall be located a minimum of 10 feet away from the National Forest Boundary.
2. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining any and all applicable approvals/permits/permissions from any other Federal, State, and local authorities and jurisdictions.
3. Ensure road maintenance is specified in special use permit.
4. Use prevention standards outlined in R6 Prevention of Invasive Plants EIS. Invasive species introduced at site, or spread from site (*Ventenata dubia* and *Centaurea stoebe* var. *maculosa* present on site and nearby).
5. Establish designated areas for equipment staging, stockpiling materials, and parking to minimize the area of ground disturbance.
6. Develop and implement a postconstruction site vegetation plan using suitable species and establishment techniques to revegetate the site.
7. All equipment will be cleaned and pressure washed to remove non-native seed prior to entering USFS land to remove.
8. Use only gravel, fill, sand, and rock that is determined to be free of non-native invasive plants by District or Forest invasive plant specialists.
9. Require design standards that utilize earth tone colors and non-reflective surface materials. Color selections must have written pre-approval of the Authorized Officer and chosen to be as inconspicuous as possible when viewed from a distance in order to reduce or eliminate glare from reflective surfaces. The best color options are those cooler and darker colors found within the shadow of the landscape.
10. The applicant shall coordinate with the existing communications site user for complete removal of existing communications site improvements, including scheduling, equipment relocations, and negotiating any use agreements.
11. Utilize all facilities fully before allowing additional facilities to be developed (Forest Plan Standard 175 (page IV-44)).
12. Buried power brought to the site from the adjacent overhead commercial power right-of-way shall be installed to accommodate multiple future users at the site as recommended by the commercial power provider. The applicant shall fully protect other authorized improvements from project disturbances, including, but not limited to, other buried and overhead utilities associated with adjacent utility corridor.
13. Piles from felled Juniper will be built. Size of piles should range from 5' tall x 5' long x 5' wide to 6' tall x 6' long x 6' wide and not be placed within 30' of any structures. See below for general size class and compactness (recognize that this is Pine and not Juniper and no plastic is required, and the resultant piles should resemble this size and shape.)



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